



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

June 27, 2003

S. 490

A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land in the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Nevada, to the Secretary of the Interior, in trust for the Washoe Indian Tribe of Nevada and California

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on June 25, 2003*

Based on information from the Forest Service, CBO estimates that implementing S. 490 would have no significant impact on the federal budget. Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues. S. 490 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

S. 490 would direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey, without consideration, about 24 acres of national forest system land within the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit to the Secretary of the Interior, to be taken into trust on behalf of the Washoe Indian Tribe of Nevada and California. According to the Forest Service, the lands to be conveyed currently generate no receipts and are not expected to do so over the next 10 years. The Secretary of Agriculture would retain an easement to provide for access to federal lands adjacent to those that would be conveyed. S. 490 outlines conditions for the tribe's use of the conveyed lands and specifies that ownership of the lands would revert back to the Secretary of Agriculture if the tribe violates those conditions.

On June 16, 2003, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 74, similar legislation, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on June 11, 2003. The two bills are very similar, and our estimates are the same.

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